



July 14, 2010

To: East Passage Marine Recovery Area Property Owners

From: Larry Fay, Community Environmental Health Section Manager

Notice: *The on-site sewage system on your property needs inspection and rebates are now available! (Address and parcel number)*

Public Health Seattle King County has new grant funds from the Washington State Department of Health to offer a limited number of rebates for Marine Recovery Area septic system inspections, and/or the installation of inspection ports, and/or preparation of a record drawing of the system if needed. Rebate funding of \$100 per eligible activity (up to \$300 per property owner) will be provided on a first come, first serve basis to encourage prompt completion of the inspections.

Our records show that we have a record drawing of your system on-file and inspection of your septic system is still required in order to demonstrate that it is functioning properly. The inspection must be completed and reported by July 1, 2011 to meet state requirements.

What you need to do:

1. Contact a Public Health Seattle King County approved operation and maintenance (O&M) provider to schedule the evaluation (list enclosed).
2. Have the O&M provider submit the original of the On Site Sewage System Summary Report form to the Health Department and provide a copy to you.
3. If desired, apply for a rebate on the septic system inspection and/or installation of an inspection port (we have your record drawing on file already) (application enclosed).
4. **The evaluation of system function is due no later than July 1, 2011.** Failure to complete the evaluation will be treated as a violation of the Public Health Seattle King County On Site Sewage Code, Section 13.60.010 (F) Monitoring of residential systems.

As you may recall from previous mailings, your property has been included in a Marine Recovery Area (MRA). The Public Health Seattle King County Board of Health adopted an On-Site Septic System Management Plan designating the MRA for certain portions of Vashon-Maury Island that are within or adjoining "prohibited" or "unclassified" shellfish harvest areas. The MRA status is intended to protect public health, water quality and the commercial and recreational shellfish beds of Puget Sound, including Quartermaster Harbor and the East Passage.

For additional information on the septic inspection program call Doug Jones at 206-296-9744, or email doug.jones@kingcounty.gov. See the MRA website for neighborhood maps and information at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/mra.aspx>

Enclosures:

- List of PHSKC approved operations and maintenance providers
- Rebate application for septic system inspection
- Invitation to MRA Shellfish Harvest Meeting
- Optional MRA Owner Survey